Legal Studies Assessment Support Material

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| **Unit standard** | 27843 | | | | |
| **Title** | Evaluate a concept of law in relation to an actual situation | | | | |
| **Level** | 3 | **Credits** | 4 | **Version** | 3 |

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**Ākonga/Learner Guidelines**

Introduction

People credited with this unit standard are able to evaluate a concept of law in relation to an actual situation.

**Award of Grades**

* For award with ***Achieved*** a concept of law, or key element of a concept of law, is evaluated in terms of its application to an actual situation. Different viewpoints are compared in relation to the application of a concept of law.

Range the manner of application, reason(s) for application, consequences of application by a legal or judicial body.

* For award with ***Merit***, an in-depth evaluation of the application of a concept of law, or key element of a concept of law, in relation to an actual situation is demonstrated by:
* discussing one strength and one weakness of the application of the concept of law
* selecting and applying relevant supporting detail
* discussing a range of different viewpoints about the application of the concept of law.
* For award with ***Excellence***, a comprehensive evaluationof the application of a concept of law, or key element of a concept of law, in relation to an actual situation is demonstrated by:
* assessing the validity of differing viewpoints and the present or future implications for society in relation to the concept
* selecting and applying a range of relevant supporting detail
* justifying clear conclusions.

**Conditions of Assessment**

Assessors will set the conditions of assessment as appropriate.

**Assessment activity**

1. Circle one of the following broad or specific concepts of law that you will be evaluating:

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| Tikanga (Customary law) | Human rights | Freedom of the press |
| National sovereignty | Natural justice | Negligence |
| Contract | Crime | Property |
| Privacy |  | Other |

1. Identify here what actual situation you will be using in your evaluation.

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1. Using your research on your chosen concept of law and actual situation, evaluate the concept of law by writing a series of paragraphs which answer the following questions:
2. How did the legal or judicial body apply your chosen concept of law (or key feature/element of this) in this situation?
3. Why did that body apply it in that manner?
4. What were the consequences of that body applying it in that way?
5. Discuss one strength and one weakness of the application of the concept of law.
6. What were some differing viewpoints to those of the legal or judicial body (such as those from individuals, organisations, government or commentators, from media, social media or textbooks, and those from dissenting, minority, or alterative viewpoints from involved parties or external commentators)?
7. How do these viewpoints compare with each other? Where possible use supporting detail such as media reports, case commentary and expert commentary in your explanation *[for Merit/Excellence].*
8. Draw your own conclusions on how the legal or judicial body applied the concept of law and why do you think this? *[For Excellence]. Specify and weigh up the arguments and counterarguments related to the specific situation.*

**Resource requirements**

There are no specific resources required.